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## CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

### **What we do:**

The Care Services Program (CSP) located within the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS (OA), HIV Care Branch, provides Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act funds to all 58 counties through health departments and/or community-based organizations for the provision of care and treatment services to those infected with HIV/AIDS. CSP assists with the development, enhancement, and access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based medical care and support services. CSP reduces the use of more costly inpatient care, increases access to care for underserved populations, and improves quality of life for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

### **Who we serve:**

CSP serves individuals infected with HIV and those who have been clinically diagnosed with AIDS. Typically, individuals who are underserved by health care and prevention services are the ones whose needs are not being met. Target populations include racial and ethnic minorities who know their HIV status but are not receiving specialized primary medical care.

### **What you should know:**

CSP provides primary medical care consistent with Public Health Services Treatment guidelines; HIV/AIDS related medications, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, oral health treatment, and case management for about 35,000 individuals annually. Additionally, CSP provides critical support services that enable individuals infected with HIV/AIDS to access and remain in primary medical care. Some allowable support services include transportation to medical appointments, housing services, treatment adherence, and food and nutrition services.

### **Helpful resources:**

- For information about HIV/AIDS, call:
  - *California AIDS Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or see Website <http://www.AIDShotline.org>.
  - National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-AIDS (English), (800) 344-SIDA (Spanish)
- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at Website <http://www.hivinfo.org/links/lhj.htm>.
- For more information on Ryan White CARE Act programs see the Health Resources and Services Administration Website <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>.
- For more information on OA's mission, OA programs, and other helpful resources, see Website <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/AIDS>.

